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National Missions on Libraries and Manuscripts
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Missions being run by the Ministry along with their names;

(b) the details of the objectives of National Mission on Manuscripts (NMM) and National Mission on Libraries (NML); and

(c) the details of the work done and amount spent on NMM and NML during last three years, year-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) The following National Missions are run by the Ministry of Culture:

i. Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission
ii. National Mission on Libraries
iii. National Mission on Manuscripts
iv. National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities

(b) The objectives of National Mission on Manuscripts are -

i. To document and catalogue Indian manuscripts, wherever they may be, maintain accurate and up-to-date information about them and the conditions under which they may be consulted;

ii. to promote ready access to these manuscripts through publications, both in book form as well as machine readable form.

iii. to facilitate conservation and preservation of manuscripts through training awareness and financial support.

iv. to boost scholarship and research in the study of Indian language and Manuscriptlogy.

v. to build up a National Manuscripts Library at IGNCA.

The objective of National Mission on Libraries is to revamp the Public Library System & Services, and to provide digital content based services to the citizens at large. The components of National Mission on Libraries are:-

â€¢ Creation of National Virtual Library of India(NVLI)
â€¢ Setting up of NML Model Libraries
â€¢ Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries
â€¢ Capacity Building

(c) The amount spent on National Mission on Manuscripts in last three years is as given below:

i. 2013-14 = Rs.817 Lakhs
ii. 2014-15 = Rs.654 Lakhs
iii. 2015-16 = Rs.616 Lakhs

The amount spent on National Mission on Libraries is last three years is as given below:

i. 2013-14 = Rs.717 Lakhs
ii. 2014-15 = Rs.1993 Lakhs
iii. 2015-16 = Rs.762 Lakhs

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